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SUBJ: MOROCCAN REQUEST FOR TRANSPORT OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO
SHABA

REF: RABAT 4772

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUCETTA CALLED IN AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING, AUGUST 11, TO MAKE DEMARCHE AT KING'S REQUEST PARALLELING INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR BENGELLOUN IN WASHINGTON. HASSAN HAS NOW MADE THE DECISION TO SEND APPROXIMATELY 300 ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO ZAIRE, AS PREFIGURED IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET (REFTEL). THESE TROOPS ARE READY TO GO AS SOON AS TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. BOUCETTA SAID THAT KING CONSIDERS THE REQUEST URGENT AND COUNTS ON USG, WHICH "UNDERSTANDS AND FULLY APPRECIATES MOROCCO'S PEACE-KEEPING ROLE IN ZAIRE." HASSAN HOPES THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO GET TOGETHER TO WORK OUT THE MODALITIES. BOUCETTA ALSO ADDUCED BELGIAN SUPPORT OF
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GOM'S REQUEST TO US.

3. BOUCETTA WAS NOT PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT DOSSIER, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE EXPECTED THAT THE ONLY EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSPORTED WOULD BE THE SOLDIERS' PERSONAL EQUIPMENT. PRESUMABLY, BENGELLOUN'S APPROACH WILL YIELD MORE DETAILS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE
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